Development of Hampi as Tourism Centre

1512. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a project for the development of Hampi in the State as a major tourism centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of assistance sought for the purpose; and

(c) what is the amount sanctioned so far and the time schedule for releasing the balance amount?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following projects have been sanctioned for development of Hampi:

2002-03 (Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Development of Hampi as a destination	500.00

2003-04 (Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Sound & Light Show at Hampi	176.00
2.	Hampi Festival	15.00

Government of India has released the first instalment at the time of sanction of the project and the balance amounts are released on the basis of utilisation certificate received from the State Government.

Decline in foreign tourist inflow

1513. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in the foreign tourist inflow after the shock of 9/11, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq scare; and